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*The great things of my life—love, faith, the intuition of beauty, the things most soaring of immortality—are the things most general, the things most shared, and least distinctively me.*  
—H. G. Wells.

## BUILDING A CITY

Honolulu's business center of the immediate future is definitely fixed by the sale of the Spreckels property as announced in another column of this paper.

The wisdom of settling the federal building site in favor of the Mahuka area and of settling this whole question now, is evident. Rapid development of the section is sure to follow.

This is city-building of the highest importance. Honolulu will profit by it quickly and surely.

## PROTECTION FOR YOUTH

In police court this morning a girl paroled from the industrial school and a man of this city were brought before the court charged with a statutory crime. The charge, stripped of legal verbiage, is that they have been guilty of gross immorality, and the evidence on which they were arrested was that the man had gone to the private home in which the paroled girl lived, and that the offense in the eyes of the law was there committed. The girl is fifteen years old.

The case is before the court, the evidence not yet taken, and the Star-Bulletin does not wish to comment on the case for these obvious reasons. The case now serves to draw the attention of thinking men and women to the laws of Hawaii and their power in preventing indecency and the sway of a libertine's passions.

The last legislature took up certain phases of this question and amendments were passed to the present law relating to assault with intent to ravish. Serious penalty is provided for those who assault a female under twelve, while abuse of a child under ten is punishable only by death or life imprisonment. The age of fourteen is the "age of consent", although a widespread opinion seems to prevail that it is twelve. The marriageable age is also fourteen for females.

There has been for some time a feeling on the part of men and women of this community directly concerned with disciplinary, educational and reform work among boys and girls that there are not enough safeguards for the morality of youth. That the next legislature will be asked to make amendments to the present law is certain. One proposed amendment is that the "age of consent" should be fixed at sixteen years. It is pointed out, however, that the marriage law would have to be amended also, to provide that females under the age of sixteen may not marry, and the very pertinent question then comes up if the ends of morality would be served in Hawaii by fixing sixteen as the minimum marriageable age for females.

Unquestionably if present statutes are ineffective, it is time to change, and the time to secure unbiased consideration of the subject is now, so that the next legislature may be approached on a sure footing. The subject is not a pleasant one, but it is a public duty to handle it fearlessly and thoroughly.

## BUSINESS AND THE PEOPLE

Henry Clews hits the bull's-eye of commercial stability when he says, in his latest weekly letter, "in the future, better standards of business conduct will be imperatively necessary, and so long as our great financial leaders maintain a closer regard for public welfare they are likely to be less subject to the attacks of popular disapproval."

The United States will always have to thank Theodore Roosevelt for much of the undeniable change of relations between what socialistic

crators like to call the Masses and the Classes. Roosevelt's method was direct and businesslike. He stirred the people with ringing epithet and telling phrase; he stirred the leaders of Big Business by swift and audacious attacks, in congressional messages as well as in legal procedure. The result was an amazing and permanent awakening of interest in what Big Business is doing in Big Politics.

At the same time, the financial leaders to whom Clews refers with such evident veneration found that in proportion as they were failing to hold public confidence, they were opening Business to attacks of all kinds. Many of these attacks were unjust, but they were the natural result of a policy of secretiveness, indifference to public opinion or defiance of public right.

Within the past five or six years, great corporations have learned their lesson and are seeking to win the public confidence. They maintain publicity bureaus and give out even their private business affairs with a frankness that is in marked contrast to the former reticence.

They don't do it because they have progressed in love for the so-called Classes. They do it because they are afraid to continue their secret burrowings. They are finding it better to be frank than to fight hostile legislation. They are finding it pays to let the public know what Big Business is doing, and as Clews observes in the same letter, "progressivism is established; not the kind that tears down and destroys, but the kind that builds up and establishes institutions more in line with the interests and will of the people than has been the custom in the era which is now passing away."

## NOT IN SHORT TROUSERS

Congress has set a very valuable precedent for Hawaii in its passage of the Kau ditch bill. The bill is reported by the Star-Bulletin's Washington correspondent to have passed the senate today.

In the favorable report of the house committee on territories, the following comment is made:

"Inasmuch as Congress has heretofore refused to extend the benefits of the reclamation act to Hawaii, the people of that territory should be given every reasonable opportunity to develop their water resources and reclaim arid lands by the aid of private capital."

The report calls the contemplated work "a great public improvement" and says that the question of fiscal policy has been left to the people of Hawaii as "best able to decide this question for themselves."

The senate committee declares that the "rights of the public are carefully safeguarded."

In passing the bill Congress has gone on record as allowing Hawaii to settle the details of questions of this kind for itself. Hawaii is able to do it, and it is gratifying to know that the national lawmakers, with whom the territory desires to work in absolute harmony, know that Hawaii is able to do it.

As a territory, Hawaii is distinctly out of the short-trouser stage.

Someone has discovered that the delegate's political plans have "leaked out", and goes on to say the delegate "is in the fight to stay". The delegate having said so himself in an authorized statement published through the Star-Bulletin, the "leaking-out" process sounds rather melodramatic now.

University professors seem to have their ining in statesmanship. Wilson is running for president and Jeremiah Jenks, the Cornell economist, is asked to be financial adviser to China.

The supervisors might take a vote on the disposal of that \$14,000 saved from the armory fund. There is plenty of difference of opinion as to where it should go.

Credit for the advantageous position in which Hawaii's bond issue is placed may be justly divided, it would seem. There's enough to go 'round.

Quotations on prices of tickets for the Roosevelt convention will be published daily as soon as there is any demand for the latest figures.

That Democratic filibuster in the senate is being forced to provide political fodder for the dear old public during the fall campaign.

The announcement that a campaign has been started against rats has nothing to do with hints on style in fall coiffures.

Mussus Rattus will be matched against Stegomyia Calopus if there is any public demand for a championship fight.

Let us hope that the new department of labor will live up to its name.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

A. E. LARIMER—There will be quite a delegation of notables down at the dock to meet Mr. Super when he arrives July 31. I know I shall be there, anyway.

INSPECTOR GIBSON—The annual report this year was longer than ever before; it covers the public school situation on Maui, Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai, and Molokai thoroughly.

PAUL ISENBERG—I am not going to remain away from Hawaii. I am going into a large business proposition in Canada, but expect to be back here in about three months.

J. A. McCANDLESS (in San Francisco Examiner)—Yes, the tourist business has become a big asset to Hawaii. One of our enthusiastic Honolulu merchants says it is bigger than the sugar industry. Not much. Sugar, you know, means now \$40,000,000 of annual exports for the islands. However, the tourist business is constantly increasing and we are fostering it in every possible way. You must not lose sight of our canned pineapple industry. It is growing by leaps and bounds. There will be an output of 1,000,000 cases this year. There are twenty-four cans to a case. About four or five years ago the product was 300,000 cases and they could not be sold readily. Judicious advertising in the American papers called the attention of the public to this commodity. Since then the sales have been wonderful. In this respect Hawaii leads the world now. It has put Baltimore, with its canneries of West Indies pineapples, out of business. Singapore, five years ago, had twenty-four canneries established; today it has but five.

## PERSONALITIES

J. ARMSTRONG of Honolulu is registered at the Hotel Terminal—S. F. Examiner.

WILLIAM W. GOODALE, a well-known planter of Honolulu, is staying at the Palace—Call.

C. F. LOOMIS, who is at Haleakala with forty Y. M. C. A. boys, will return to Honolulu next week.

THE ROBERT N. CORBALEYS have taken Mrs. E. B. Waterhouse's Kahala beach cottage for July and August.

P. F. JERNEGAN of Hilo, Hawaii, is visiting San Francisco and is registered at the Hotel Terminal—S. F. Examiner.

ROWLAND CROSS, one of the workers of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A., is arranging a series of "tramps" for the employed boys of the association.

HENRY C. BROWN and family of Waimea, Kauai, a prominent sugar planter of the islands, arrived via the Ventura and is stopping at the Hotel Terminal—Exchange.

MISS LORNA LAUKEA, daughter of Curtis Laukea, has been appointed secretary of Palama Settlement and will take an active part in the settlement work.

MISS ALMA DINGLEY and Miss Eva Wren will leave for Honolulu. They will spend a month at Hawaii, visiting all the points of interest on the islands—Modesto (Cal.) News.

CAPT. E. A. STURGES, Fifth Cavalry, has been granted leave of absence for one month. Leave of absence for two months has also been granted Col. James S. Rogers of Schofield Barracks.

JAMES S. MCGOWEN, premier of New South Wales, Australia, has written to William H. Hoogs thanking him for a number of pieces of Hawaiian music. Mr. Hoogs when in Sydney received kindly attention from Premier McGowen.

DR. J. R. JUDD and Mrs. Judd, who have been spending ten months in touring Europe, returned yesterday on the Zealandia. Dr. Judd says they met several Honolulu people while abroad, among them Mr. and Mrs. Herman Focke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Atkinson. While in Spain they visited the Gulek school in Madrid, founded many years ago by William Gulek, formerly of Honolulu. JOSEPH TUCKER, land commissioner, will leave tomorrow for Maui to adjust a dispute over old land surveys that has arisen in the Kahakuloa and Kuloa districts.

## VETERAN HIKER COVERS ISLANDS

For the past three weeks, George Thayer, the veteran pedestrian who walked across the isthmus of Panama some months ago, has been tramping over the hills and down in the valleys of the islands of Maui and Hawaii. During the entire three weeks, he has scorned the use of horse or automobile, but tramped incessantly from the time he left the boat until he boarded it again.

Tuesday he returned from Maui, where he made the ascent of Haleakala and went over all the trails of the surrounding country, covering his ground so thoroughly that he doesn't believe that he missed a trail on the island.

"The volcano was great," he said when discussing his pedestrian excursions on Hawaii. "I always expected that it would be pretty fine to look at but it was even better than that. When they asked me to write in that book for visitors, I wrote 'It's a pretty long walk, but it's worth it.'"

"That's the way I felt about it. I enjoyed the spectacle more than anything I have seen yet here or elsewhere. I stayed at the volcano four days—that was the longest I remained any one place—the rest of the time I kept hiking."

"Haleakala is some climb but it is very interesting. All Maui is interesting from the picturesque steamship landings to the winding trails which

## VISITS HONOLULU WHILE ON WAY TO REBUILD HANKOW

Noted Chinese Engineer Here on Mission to Construct New City

On his way to China where he will take charge of the gigantic work of rebuilding the city of Hankow, destroyed during the revolution, M. B. Yung, a famous Chinese engineer and his wife are visiting friends in Honolulu today.

Yung is returning to China as the result of a cablegram from Gen. Li Yuen Hung, vice president of the Republic instructing him to return and take up the work of constructing the first modern city in the Orient.

Yung is a graduate of Yale, class 1898, and of Columbia, class 1901. He majored in civil engineering at Yale, and in mining engineering at Columbia. He has been engaged in important mining and railway building schemes both in China and Cuba, and was selected for his new position because of his eminent success in all his engineering undertakings.

In discussing his new project, Yung said that it was the intention of the Chinese Government to plan out a modern city in the place of the old Hankow, wiped out of existence by the fire and pillage of the late rebellion. The new city will take on the best features of the larger American cities, he stated. There will be a civic center, wide boulevard along the river front, gas and electric plants, modern sewage system, parks, etc.

Yung pointed out that this will make Hankow the first strictly modern city in the Far East, and fully qualify her to take her proper place in the commercial and industrial life of the Chinese empire. Hankow had, before the rebellion, a population of 600,000 in the city proper and more than 400,000 more in the environs across the Yang-tse river. The largest ocean steamers ascend to its wharves, and it is already the terminus of the Peking-Hankow Railway, the Canton-Hankow Railway, the Hankow-Szechuan lines, and a dozen other lines planned and in course of construction will find terminal in this city.

Backed by Dollars. While Yung was not fully informed as to the details of the matters of furnishing funds and material for the great work ahead of him, it is understood that the Robert Dollar Company of San Francisco will provide the necessary capital, amounting to \$17,000,000, and that their employees will perform the work, under the general supervision of Yung, Captain Robert Dollar is to leave for the Orient shortly and, through the instruction of the Peking Government to Yung, the two will arrive in China about the same time.

An enterprise which has been discussed with the Chinese Government by representatives of the American banking syndicate interested in the Chinese loans several times during the last four years is the building of a suspension bridge over a mile in length over the Yang-tse river, and Yung said that this would come about with the rebuilding of the razed city.

This would involve an expenditure of \$5,000,000 more, and the whole scheme is considered to be the most important in which American capital has ever become interested in the Orient.

## LOCAL Y. M. C. A. TO BE MODEL FOR JAPAN BRANCHES

Several new branches of the Young Men's Christian Association in Japan are to be copied directly after the local association both from the point of constitution and articles of incorporation as the result of a journey made through here a year ago by G. N. Fisher, national secretary for Japan.

When the Y. M. C. A. official passed through here he paid a visit to the new building, then just completed, and after looking over the plant and reading the constitution, by-laws and articles of incorporation, he declared that the Honolulu association was a model one both from the standpoint of organization and equipment.

When the last steamer arrived from the Orient, it bore a letter from Fisher asking that copies of the by-laws, constitution and articles of incorporation be forwarded him as he desired to use them for several new branches of the Association then being projected.

The new buildings are the result of a \$2,000,000 donation made by several wealthy residents of the Far East who had been invited with John R. Mott to meet President Taft at the White House in order to discuss Association matters. It was then that Mott persuaded the men to make the donations and as a result the new Associations are spoken of as being results of the "White House Conference."

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"I enjoyed every minute of the trip but I am glad to be back. There are a good many places in the world worse than Honolulu."

## RECORDS BROKEN IN SCHOOL EXAMS.

More children passed the high school entrance examinations successfully this year than ever before in the history of the Territory according to School Inspector Gibson who has just completed going over the examination papers and has made the results known to the applicants.

Twenty-two pupils will pass from the Royal school to the high school in September, there are sixteen being promoted from the Kahumanu school, fifty-three from Central Grammar, two from Iolani, three from Wai'alua, three from Wailuku and twenty from Hilo.

"This is a very encouraging report," said the inspector of schools this morning. "It not only shows a higher grade of intelligence among the pupils but is the result of better teaching methods and is significant of the higher standard upon which the territorial schools are being run."

## FOUR MAGISTRATES ARE REAPPOINTED

Magistrate Henry Hall, of the Hama, kua district, and R. H. Atkins, of Kohala district, island of Hawaii, were reappointed to the positions by Chief Justice Robertson this morning. Joseph S. Perry, magistrate in the Puna district, Hawaii, was reappointed Tuesday and William Schimmelfennig, second district magistrate for Koloa, Kauai, was reappointed last Thursday.



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